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Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING	1/1/04	AND ENDING	12/31/04	
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A.	REGISTRANT ID	ENTIFICATION		
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ABN AMRO Rothschild LLC			FIRMID. N	<u></u>
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Park Avenue Plaza	55 East 52 <sup>nd</sup> St	treet		
New York	(No. and Street)	***************************************	10055	
(City)	(State)		(Zip Code)	
Michael Horsburgh	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		(212) 409-6690 rea Code – Telephone No.)	
В.	ACCOUNTANT ID	DENTIFICATION	·	
B.  NDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT V  Ernst & Young LLP	whose opinion is conta	DENTIFICATION  ained in this Report*	rea Code – Telephone No.)	
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B.  NDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT of Ernst & Young LLP  233 South Wacker Drive  (Address)  CHECK ONE:  Certified Public Accountant	whose opinion is conta (Name - of individual, state last, fil <b>Chicago</b> (City)	DENTIFICATION  ained in this Report*  IL  (State)  s possessions.	rea Code – Telephone No.)  60  PROCESSED	

\*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See section 240.17a-5(e)(2).

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#### **OATH OR AFFIRMATION**

I, Michael Horsburgh, affirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statements and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of ABN AMRO Rothschild LLC (the Company) as of December 31, 2004, are true and correct. I further affirm that neither the Company, nor any principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer.

Michael Horsburgh Managing Director

M. Dercado

Notary Public

Part of New York

Commission Expires Feb. 18 200-

This report\*\* contains (check all applicable boxes):

- (a) Facing page.
- (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- (c) Statement of Operations.
- (d) Statement of Changes in Cash Flows.
- (e) Statement of Changes in Members' Equity.
- ☐ (f) Statement of Changes in Subordinated Borrowings.
- (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- ☐ (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- (i) Information Relating to the Possession or control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (j) Computation for Determination of PAIB Reserve Requirements for Broker-Dealers.
- ☐ (k) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A or Rule 15c3-3.
- ☐ (I) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- (m) An Oath or Affirmation.
- (n) Supplemental Report of Independent Auditors on Internal Control.
- ☐ (o) Schedule of Segregation Requirements and Funds in Segregation for Customers Trading on U.S. Commodity Exchanges.
- ☐ (p) Statement of Secured Amount and Funds Held in Separate Accounts for Foreign Futures and Options Customers Pursuant to Commission Regulation 30.7.

<sup>\*\*</sup> For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

### Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Management Committee and Members ABN AMRO Rothschild LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of ABN AMRO Rothschild LLC (the Company) as of December 31, 2004, and the related statements of operations, changes in members' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company at December 31, 2004, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Einst Lyang LLP

Chicago, Illinois February 19, 2005

### ABN AMRO Rothschild LLC

### **Statement of Financial Condition**

	December 31
	2004
Assets	
Cash	\$150,300
Total Assets	\$150,300
Members' Equity	
ABN AMRO Incorporated	\$ 75,150
Rothschild Inc.	75,150
Total Members' Equity	\$150.300

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

### **Statement of Operations**

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	\$	-
		\$ 

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

### Statement of Changes in Members' Equity

_	Year Ended December 31, 2004			
	ABN AMRO			
	Incorporated	Rothschild Inc.	Total	
Members' Equity at January 1, 2004	\$75,150	\$75,150	\$150,300	
Net Income	•	-	-	
Members' Equity at December 31, 2004	\$75,150	\$75,150	\$150,300	

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

#### **Statement of Cash Flows**

Year Ended	December 31
Operating Activities	
Net Income	\$ -
Financing Activities	
Member Contributions	-
Increase in Cash	-
Cash at January 1, 2004	150,300
Cash at December 31, 2004	\$150,300

See Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

#### 1. Organization and Nature of Operations

ABN AMRO Rothschild LLC (the Company or AAR) is a limited liability corporation organized under Delaware law. The Company is owned equally by ABN AMRO Incorporated (AAI) and Rothschild Inc. (RINC), collectively the Members. The Company is registered as a broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

The Company engages in equity and debt securities underwriting, private placements of securities, and block purchases and sales of securities in the secondary market. The Company executes equity capital markets (ECM) related contracts (AAR Purchase Commitments). Underlying each AAR Purchase Commitment is a Securities Purchase Agreement, whereby the Members accept joint and several liability for the AAR Purchase Commitments. The Securities Purchase Agreements obligate the Members to perform as required in the related AAR Purchase Commitments. These obligations include the following: to purchase the securities being underwritten, effect the public distribution of the purchased securities, confirm and settle securities transactions, and conduct secondary trading activities. Upon closing the transaction, the Members will pay for and receive the purchased securities. The Members share the principal's risk of any unsold or unallocated purchased securities.

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

**Use of Estimates:** Preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Revenue Recognition:** Consistent with the terms of the Securities Purchase Agreements, the Company recognizes no revenue. Under the original revenue sharing provisions, amended as of April 1, 2001, AAI and RINC shared net revenues of 75% and 25%, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2004, AAI and RINC recognized net revenues of \$3.7 million and \$1.2 million, respectively.

**Operating Expenses:** The Members provide all services at no cost to the Company. Those services include: facilities, telecommunications, accounting, tax, record retention, personnel (compensation and related costs), and administrative services. Each Member bears its own costs in connection with the services provided by the Company and incurs expenses based on its responsibilities under the Securities Purchase Agreements.

**Income Taxes:** As a Limited Liability Company, taxable income or loss of the Company, if any, is includable in the federal income tax returns of the Members.

Cash: Cash represents cash deposited in banks.

#### 3. Related Party Transactions

All transactions executed by the Company are AAR Purchase Commitments. All AAR Purchase Commitments have an underlying Securities Purchase Agreement, effectively transferring all rights and obligations of the AAR Purchase Commitment jointly, and severally, to the Members.

For the year ended December 31, 2004, the Company entered into Securities Purchase Agreements aggregating \$208.2 million with the Members.

#### ABN AMRO Rothschild LLC

#### 4. Regulatory Requirements

The Company is subject to the net capital requirements of Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is required to maintain minimum net capital of \$100,000. At December 31, 2004, the Company maintained regulatory capital of \$150,300, which was \$50,300 in excess of its required net capital.

#### 5. Legal Proceedings

There are no legal proceedings, which, in the opinion of management and counsel, would have a material impact on the financial statements.

Supplemental Information

BROKER OR DEALER ABN AMRO Rothschild LLC

As of <u>12/31/04</u>

#### **COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL**

1.	Total ownership equity from Statement of Financial Condition – Item 1800	\$	150,300	3480
2.	Deduct: Ownership equity not allowable for Net Capital		•	3490
3.	Total ownership equity qualified for Net Capital		-	3500
4.	Add:		****	
	A. Liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors allowable in computation of net capital		-	3520
	B. Other (deductions) or allowable credits (List)		•	3525
5.	Total capital and allowable subordinated liabilities	\$	150,300	3530
6.	Deductions an/or charges:	·	·	·····
	A. Total nonallowable assets from			
	Statement of Financial Condition\$ - 3540			
	Additional charges for customers' and			
	non-customers' security accounts 3550			
	2. Additional charges for customers' and			
	non-customers' commodity accounts 3560			
	B. Aged fail-to-deliver 3570			
	1. Number of items 3450			
	C. Aged short security differences-less			
	Reserve of \$ 3470 - 3580			
	Number of items			
	D. Secured demand note deficiency 3590			
	E. Commodity futures contracts and spot commodities			
	- proprietary capital charges 3600			
	F. Other deductions and/or charges			
	G. Deductions for accounts carried under			
	Rule 15c3-1(a)(6), (a)(7) and (c)(2)(x)			
	H. Total deductions and/or charges.		_	3620
7.	Other additions and/or allowable credits (List)			3630
8.	Net capital before haircuts on securities positions	\$	150,300	3640
9.	Haircuts on securities: (computed, where applicable, pursuant to 15c3-1(f)):	·		
	A. Contractual securities commitments			
	B. Subordinated securities borrowings			
	C. Trading and investment securities:			
	Bankers' acceptances, certificates of deposit and commercial paper     3680			
	U.S. and Canadian government obligations			
	State and municipal government obligations			
	4. Corporate obligations			
	5. Stocks and warrants			
	6. Options			
	7. Arbitrage			
	8. Other securities - 3734			
	D. Undue Concentration 3650			
	E. Other (List)		. [	3736
١٥.	Net Capital	\$	150,300	3750

There are no material differences between the above computation and the Company's corresponding December 31, 2001 unaudited FOCUS Part II Report.

BROKER OR DEALER ABN AMRO Rothschild LLC

as of 12/31/04

#### COMPUTATION OF ALTERNATE NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

#### Part B

22.	2% of combined aggregate debit items as shown in Formula for Reserve Requirements pursuant to Rule 15c3-3 prepared as of the date of the capital computation including both brokers or dealers			
	And consolidated subsidiaries' debits or 4% of segregated funds, whichever is greater	\$_	N/A	3870
23.	Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer and minimum net capital			
	Requirement of subsidiaries.	\$_	100,000	3880
24.	Net capital requirement (greater of line 22 or 23)	\$_	100,000	3760
25.	Excess net capital (line 10 less 24)	\$_	50,300	3910
26.	Percentage of Net Capital to Aggregate Debits (line 10 ÷ by line 17 page 8)	%	N/A	3851

There are no material differences between the above computation and the Company's corresponding December 31, 2001 unaudited FOCUS Part II Report.

**BROKER OR DEALER** 

ABN AMRO Rothschild LLC

As of <u>12/31/04</u>

# COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS FOR BROKER-DEALERS UNDER RULE 15c-3-3 (See Rule 15c3-3, Exhibit A and Related Notes)

CRE	DIT BALANCES	·			
1.	Free credit balances and other credit balances in customers' security				
	Accounts	\$ See Note	4340	7	
2.	Monies borrowed collateralized by securities carried for the accounts of			-	
	Customers		4350	7	
3.	Monies payable against customers securities loaned		4360		
4.	Customers securities failed to receive		4370	7	
5.	Credit balances in firm accounts which are attributable to principal sales				
	to customers		4380	7	
6.	Market value of stock dividends, stock splits and similar distributions			-	
	Receivable outstanding over 30 calendar days		4390	7	
7.	**Market value of short security count differences over 30 calendar days old		4400	7	
8.	**Market value of short securities and credits (not to be offset by longs or by	-			
	Debits) in all suspense accounts over 30 calendar days		4410	7	
9.	Market value of securities which are in transfer in excess of 40 calendar days				
	And have not been confirmed to be in transfer by the transfer agent or the				
	Issuer during the 40 days		4420	7	
10.	Other (List)		4425		
11.	TOTAL CREDITS			\$	4430
DEBI	T BALANCES				
12.					
	Unsecured accounts and accounts doubtful of collection net of deductions				
	Pursuant to Note Exhibit A, Rule 15c3-3	\$	4440		
13.	Securities borrowed to effectuate short sales by customers and securities			_	
	Borrowed to make delivery on customers' securities failed to deliver		4450	7	
14.			4460	1	
15.	Margin required and on deposit with Options Clearing Corporation for all			_	
	Option contracts written or purchased in customer accounts		4465	7	
16.	Other (List)		4469	1	
17.	Aggregate debit items			 \$	4470
18.	Less 3% (for alternative method only-see Rule 15c3-1(f) (5) (i))				4471
19.	TOTAL 15C3-3 DEBITS			\$	4472
RES	ERVE COMPUTATION				
20.				\$	4480
21.	Excess of total credits over total debits (line 11 less line 19)				4490
22.	If computation permitted on a monthly basis, enter 105%, of excess of total cred				4500
23.	•				
	Reporting period	, a 000a00, a. 0a 0.			4510
24.		•••••••••		·	1 4010
	\$ 4515 value of qualified securities				4520
25.	New amount in Reserve Bank Account(s), including value after adding deposit o				1 1020
	\$ 4525 value of qualified securities	_		\$	4530
26.	Date of deposit (MM/DD/YY)				4540
	QUENCY OF COMPUTATION				1,070
		Monthly	χſ	4334	
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Note: Although the Company is not exempt from Rule 15c3-3, it does not transact a business in securities with or for any customers and does not carry margin accounts, credit balances, or securities for any person defined as a "customer" pursuant to Rule 17a-5(c)(4). Accordingly, there are no amounts reportable under these sections.

BROKER OR DEALER	ABN AMRO Rothschild LLC	as of	12/31/04

# COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF RESERVE REQUIREMENTS FOR BROKER-DEALERS UNDER RULE 15c 3-3 (continued)

#### Information for Possession Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3

State	the market valuation and number of items of:			
1.	Customers' fully paid securities and excess margin securities not in the respondent's possession or control as			
	of the report date (for which instructions to reduce to possession or control had been issued as of the report			
	date) but for which the required action was not taken by respondent within the time frame specified under			
	Rule 15c3-3	\$	See Note	4586
	A. Number of items			4587
2.	Customers' fully paid securities and excess margin securities for which instructions to reduce to possession or control had not been issued as of the report date, excluding items arising from "temporary lags which result			
	From normal business operations" as permitted under Rule 15c3-3.	\$	ļ	4588
	A. Number of items			4589
3.	The system and procedures utilized in complying with the requirements to maintain physical possession or control of customers' fully paid and excess margin securities have been tested and are functioning			
	in a manner adequate to fulfill the requirements of Rule 15c3-3. Yes 4584	No_		4585

Note: Although the Company is not exempt from Rule 15c3-3, it does not transact a business in securities with or for any customers and does not carry margin accounts, credit balances, or securities for any person defined as a "customer" pursuant to Rule 17a-5(c)(4). Accordingly, there are no amounts reportable under these sections.

# Supplementary Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Internal Control

The Management Committee and Members ABN AMRO Rothschild LLC

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental information of ABN AMRO Rothschild LLC (the Company) for the year ended December 31, 2004, we considered its internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company, including tests of compliance with such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the criteria stated in Rule 17a-5(g), in the following:

- 1. Making the periodic computations of aggregate debits and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and the reserve required by Rule 15c3-3(e) of the SEC,
- 2. Making the quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons, and the recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13,
- 3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and
- 4. Obtaining and maintaining physical possession or control of all fully paid and excess margin securities of customers as required by Rule 15c3-3.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned criteria. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in

accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) of the SEC lists additional criteria of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in any internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of internal control to future periods is subject to the risk that internal control may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of its design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that meet the criteria referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations and that practices and procedures that do not meet such criteria in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2004 to meet the SEC's criteria.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Ernot & Young LLP

Chicago, Illinois February 19, 2005